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In re the Application of:

OKADO, Yoshio, et al

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejection contained in the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, in the above-identified application in view of the following detailed comments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Kakiuchi et al in view of the patent to Coran. In making this rejection, it was asserted that the Kakiuchi et al patent teaches the entire hose as set forth in independent claim 1 with one exception. In particular, it was acknowledged that the patent does not teach an acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber having an acrylonitrile content of 15-30% by weight. However, it then was asserted that the use of such a rubber is taught by the Coran patent and therefore its use in the hose according to the Kakiuchi et al patent would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.